basis of all the available information, data and expert advice, available with the Government at that time. The recommendations made by the Bose Committee, which included the whole subject of fisheries, whether inland or marine, were only a part of the data bank available with the Government at that time and these recommendations did not specifically form the basis of the New Deep Sea Fishing Policy.

(c) The Fishermen's Associations of Gujarat and other coastal States expressed apprehensions that the operation of the deep sea fishing vessels under joint venture would affect their fishing operations in coastal areas adversely. They demanded that deep sea fishing vessels should be allowed to fish only beyond 24 nautical miles from the shore They also demanded the cancellation of permissions given under the deep sea fishing policy, among other things. An Expert Committee constituted by the Government in this regard has found that the operation of deep sea fishing vessels has not affected the traditional fishermen adversely. However, Government has decided not to process any new applications for deep sea fishing till the whole policy is reviewed.

(d) The catch from the vessels operated under joint venture is about 30,000 MTs p.a. as against the present marine fish production of about 27 lakh tonnes. Out of this about 2.25 lakh tonnes is exported and the rest is available for the domestic market.

(e) The Government has constituted a Committee to make recommendations for review of the Deep Sea Fishing Policy by taking into account all the available information on the subject.

(f) Deep Sea fishing vessels under foreign flag are allowed to operate only beyond 12 nautical miles on the East Coast and 24 nautical miles on the West Coast. Coast Guard is responsible for surveillance, security and other aspects of the operation of deep sea fishing vessels under foreign flag.

Reservation of seats for Higher Education in Uttarakhand

1331. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservations of seats for higher education are being given for students from Uttrakhand areas in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Department of Education has not issued any instructions to the University Grants Commission for reservation for students from the Uttarakhand region. According to the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, Central Universities are required to adhere to the Government policy on reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in matters of:—

(i) admission to various courses;

(ii) hostel accommodation; and

(iii) recruitment to teaching posts (upto lecturers) and non-teaching postst upto the level equivalent to Group-A posts in the Government.

Supreme Court diretion for investigation of crimes

1332. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed the Union and the State